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**FOLLOWING APPLICANTS' AMENDMENT OF DECEMBER 24, 2002**

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Please delete the section entitled Cross Reference to Related Applications, on page 1 of the application, starting at line 3, and insert the following section in its place. A marked-up copy showing the changes is attached as Appendix A.

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a CIP of U.S. Application No. 09/723,316, filed November 28, 2000, which is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/FR99/01973 (WO 0009679), filed August 11, 1999.

**REMARKS**

On April 18, 2003, pursuant to a recommendation from the Petitions Office, Applicants filed an Application Data Sheet (ADS) and a first Supplemental Amendment

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